Horace Cowles

Farmington Jan 17. 1839.

Dear Sir

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I have just returned from your mothers, having been called there to look for the paper mentioned in your letter to her of the 12th. inst. & intended for the use of Mr. Tappan. I have examined both the closets under the Book Case, and the two lower drawers, the upper one being locked, and in all of them have found nothing like the file of papers described by you. Perhaps, on reflection, you will give other directions.

Your mother is recovering from severe illness, & is yet confined to her room. She directs me to say that she has had and still receives all the attentions which she could expect or wish, and would have you give yourself no uneasiness on her account. She doubtless became much fatigued in attending upon her deceased neighbor Mrs. Chloe Bodwell: as both she & Mrs. Aug. Bodwell, also now deceased, were taken sick, at nearly the same time, and soon after the termination of their labors & love at the house of the elder Mrs. B.

I shall very cheerfully look again for the papers should you desire me to do so, having promised your mother that I will conduct the correspondence, and attend to the whole matter, without her being any further troubled about it.

Yours truly,

Horace Cowles